

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Currently Amended). An image forming apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by a print instruction is unavailable;

a processor configured to determine whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information, and to execute the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the processor to print with the substitute recording medium; and

a printing unit configured to print an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the processor,

wherein after printing of a print job corresponding the print instruction has begun, the processor is configured to regard the user-input setting information as invalid and to cause a same size of the recording medium or the substitute recording medium to be used for all of a plurality of pages in the print job corresponding to the print instruction.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Currently Amended). ~~The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim~~
24, An image forming apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by a print instruction is unavailable;

a processor configured to determine whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information, and to execute the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the processor to print with the substitute recording medium; and

a printing unit configured to print an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the processor,

wherein the processor is configured to cause a same size of the recording medium or the substitute recording medium to be used for all of a plurality of pages in a print job corresponding to the print instruction.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the user-input setting information indicates a default size of the substitute recording medium.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is larger in size than the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is an available size nearest to the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 24, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is A4 when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is letter.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim [[25]] 24, wherein the processor is configured to stop printing when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is used for a first page of the print job and subsequently becomes unavailable.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein the processor is configured to restart printing when one or more recording media of the size indicated by the print instruction is provided.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended). ~~The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 24,~~ An image forming apparatus comprising:
a storage unit configured to store user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by a print instruction is unavailable;

a processor configured to determine whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information, and to execute the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the processor to print with the substitute recording medium; and

a printing unit configured to print an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the processor,

wherein after printing of a print job corresponding to the print instruction has begun, the processor is configured to not change a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium even if the user-input setting information would cause the processor to print with the substitute recording medium.

Claim 34 (Currently Amended). An image forming apparatus comprising:

means for storing user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by a print instruction is unavailable;

means for determining whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information and executing the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the means for determining to print with the substitute recording medium; and

means for printing an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the means for executing,

wherein after printing of a print job corresponding the print instruction has begun, the means for determining regards the user-input setting information as invalid and causes a same size of the recording medium or the substitute recording medium to be used for all of a plurality of pages in the print job corresponding to the print instruction.

Claim 35 (Canceled).

Claim 36 (Currently Amended). ~~The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 34,~~ An image forming apparatus comprising:

means for storing user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by a print instruction is unavailable;

means for determining whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information and executing the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the means for determining to print with the substitute recording medium; and

means for printing an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the means for executing,

wherein the means for determining causes a same size of the recording medium or the substitute recording medium to be used for all of a plurality of pages in a print job corresponding to the print instruction.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 34, wherein the user-input setting information indicates a default size of the substitute recording medium.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 34, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is larger in size than the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 34, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is an available size nearest to the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented). The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 34, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is A4 when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is letter.

Claim 41 (Currently Amended). ~~The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 24,~~ An image forming apparatus comprising:
means for storing user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by a print instruction is unavailable;

means for determining whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information and executing the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the means for determining to print with the substitute recording medium; and

means for printing an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the means for executing,

wherein after printing of a print job corresponding to the print instruction has begun, the means for determining does not change a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium even if the user-input setting information would cause the means for determining to print with the substitute recording medium.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended). A method of printing in an image forming apparatus, the method comprising:

storing, with a storage unit at the image forming apparatus, user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by the print instruction is unavailable;

determining, with a processor of the image forming apparatus, whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information;

executing, with the processor at the image forming apparatus, the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated

by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the processor to print with the substitute recording medium; and

printing, at the image forming apparatus, an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the executing,

wherein after printing of a print job corresponding the print instruction has begun, the method further includes regarding the user-input setting information as invalid and causing a same size of the recording medium or the substitute recording medium to be used for all of a plurality of pages in the print job corresponding to the print instruction.

Claim 43 (Canceled).

Claim 44 (Currently Amended). ~~The method as claimed in claim 42, further comprising:~~ A method of printing in an image forming apparatus, the method comprising:

storing, with a storage unit at the image forming apparatus, user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by the print instruction is unavailable;

determining, with a processor of the image forming apparatus, whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information;

executing, with the processor at the image forming apparatus, the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the processor to print with the substitute recording medium;

printing, at the image forming apparatus, an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the executing; and

causing a same size of the recording medium or the substitute recording medium to be used for all of a plurality of pages in a print job corresponding to the print instruction.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented). The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the user-input setting information indicates a default size of the substitute recording medium.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented). The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is larger in size than the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented). The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is an available size nearest to the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented). The method as claimed in claim 42, wherein the user-input setting information indicates that a size of the substitute recording medium is A4 when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is letter.

Claim 49 (Currently Amended). ~~The method as claimed in claim 42,~~ A method of printing in an image forming apparatus, the method comprising:

storing, with a storage unit at the image forming apparatus, user-input setting information that indicates when not to print with a substitute recording medium when a size of a recording medium indicated by the print instruction is unavailable;

determining, with a processor of the image forming apparatus, whether or not to use the substitute recording medium based on the user-input setting information;

executing, with the processor at the image forming apparatus, the print instruction by automatically changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium when the size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction is not available and the user-input setting information causes the processor to print with the substitute recording medium; and

printing, at the image forming apparatus, an image on the recording medium or the substitute recording medium as indicated by the executing,

wherein after printing of a print job corresponding to the print instruction has begun, not changing a size of the recording medium indicated by the print instruction to the size of the substitute recording medium even if the user-input setting information would cause printing with the substitute recording medium.